

Honey.—Honey statistics have been compiled on an all-Canada basis since 1924; the 45,145,000-lb. production of 1948 was the largest recorded crop. Output in 1961 was 35,030,000 lb. and in 1962, 30,491,000 lb. The decrease in 1962 was attributed to unfavourable weather conditions in the Maritimes and in Western Canada. The number of active beekeepers was considerably below the 1961 total. Bees are kept in some of the fruit growing districts mainly for purposes of pollination.

Honey is produced commercially in all provinces except Newfoundland, about 35 p.c. of the output being accounted for by Ontario.

To facilitate storage, shipment and uniformity of quality, considerable quantities of Canadian honey are pasteurized. Beekeepers' marketing co-operatives are active in several provinces.

36.—Honey and Beeswax Production 1960-62, with Average for 1955-59

Item	Av. 1955-59 ^r	1960	1961	1962
Honey—				
Total production.....'000 lb.	28,078	32,224	35,030	30,491
Average production per colony..... lb.	85	98	104	89
Total value.....\$'000	4,961	5,179	5,351	..
Average price per lb. to producers..... cts.	18	16	15	..
Beeswax—				
Production.....'000 lb.	412	479	520	..
Value.....\$'000	204	215	235	..
Total Value, Honey and Beeswax.....\$'000	5,165	5,394	5,586	..
Beeskeepers..... No.	14,186	12,570	11,663	10,520
Bee colonies..... "	328,540	327,340	336,910	341,730

37.—Honey Production, by Province, 1960-62, with Average for 1955-59

Province	Av. 1955-59	1960	1961 ^r	1962
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
Prince Edward Island.....	68	65	67	32
Nova Scotia.....	161	146	249	132
New Brunswick.....	87	86	85	77
Quebec.....	3,349	2,284	2,971	3,185
Ontario.....	8,281	9,232	9,360	10,922
Manitoba.....	5,297	6,380	6,670	5,051
Saskatchewan.....	3,664	4,515	3,973	2,864
Alberta.....	5,693	7,576	9,580	6,932
British Columbia.....	1,478	1,940	2,075	1,296
Totals.....	28,078	32,224	35,030	30,491

Maple Sugar and Maple Syrup.—Maple syrup is produced in the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario. The bulk of the crop comes from the Eastern Townships of Quebec, a district famous both in Canada and in the United States as the centre of the maple products industry. Virtually all of the maple products exported are sent to the United States with the larger proportion moving as sugar, although substantial quantities of syrup are also shipped. Much of the syrup sold in Canada is marketed in one-gallon cans direct to the consumer from the producer but a considerable amount of both sugar and syrup is sold each year to processing firms.